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## TOO MUCH LAW

By ELBERT HUBBARD

This country is suffering from an over-production of laws. During the year 1909 there were passed by the Federal and State Legislatures over 4,000 enactments.

Seven out of ten of the men elected to Congress are lawyers.

The lawyer is a specialist, and as such he may be necessary; but all specialists are dangerous and unsafe men unless well audited and checked

by those with no personal interest in their specialty. The lawyer mind looks upon law as the one thing which keeps humanity in the safe and narrow way, just as your religious think that without his particular brand of salvation mankind would run amok. The people who look to law to save them are already gone. Mankind cannot be legislated into goodness. Morality must spring from the heart to be of avail. The true function of government is

to make it easy for all men to do right. To do wrong always brings a penalty regardless of law. Lawyers look upon anything which is not illegal as right. As a rule they take all the law will give them, and any one who does this, said Macaulay, is a scoundrel at heart. Lawyers regard every extension of the law as quite a different thing from its infraction. In fact, lawyers belong to the criminal class, since their instincts and activities are in the line of exploitation and not creation or production. If we allow such men to make laws for us, and then also execute these laws, we deserve the punishment which we bring upon ourselves, as much as did the client who wanted something for nothing in the days of King Arthur, and who was turned over to his own attorney for punishment. The attorneys soaked him with a bill for services that took the fellow's breath and all of his property. And the precedent still survives. Note the case which came up in Camden last week where the bill brought in by the attorneys was \$15,000 in action involving the collection of \$40,000. The lawyers collected the \$40,000 and kept it, giving credit on account, leaving a balance due of \$35,000.

Also, remember that gentle and self-sacrificing attorney in the Harry Thaw case, who, having been paid \$100,000, demanded \$100,000 more for subpoenaing witnesses in the tenderloin. Even the judge blushed scarlet and passed the law wolf the cosmic cruiser.

David Harum said a reasonable number of places green and all right. Also, we might say there is no objection to having a reasonable number of lawyers in our legislative halls. Lawyers should be represented in Congress, but lawyers should not be selected to represent all the rest of us, because, God knows, they don't. When we get Congress with over half of its members lawyers, we are inviting a session of delay, procrastination, quibble, stipulation, graft, ex-amine and needless expense.

A lawyer by training and by instinct is not an economist. He is much more interested in keeping folks from doing things than to get other things done. His mind works negatively; and to block the opposition consumes a big part of his time. He is wedded to precedent. Also, in spite of his boasted respect for law, he is an expert in the evasion of law.

He is on the side of expense, not income.

Isn't the lawyer who makes the waste places green and all right the desert to blossom like the rose.

The lawyer knows only one way to make money, and that is to get your. But the business man builds, invests, creates, produces and makes tons of grass grow where there was one ton of sage brush before. The business man drains swamps, irrigates arid land, bridges streams, tunnels, mountains, makes good roads and sets the unemployed to work.

The business man takes some nothing and makes a valuable thing out of it. As long as it is the rule and custom that we shall be represented at Washington by lawyers we shall be governed by them. The pernicious activity and meddling interference by lawyers with the natural flow and trend of trade is paid for by the people at a terrific cost.

Once there was a band of pirates who protected the shipping on the Atlantic from pirates. They collected from each vessel that passed the "Tarifa" to pay expenses.

In self-protection the merchants had to combine and drive the self-styled "protectors" from the seas. And if the merchants had not combined in the Hanseatic League, piracy would still be regarded as legitimate and a beautiful adjunct to civilization. Men always justify themselves in all they do. "That country is governed best that is governed least," said Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson was a lawyer, but he was one of the other kind. For the commercial lawyers, whose work is to protect commerce and see that trade moves along safe and legal lines, no word of criticism can be raised.

The filibuster of the law should be "getting on, getting on." The business lawyer removes obstructions from the channel so the ships of progress pass. His endeavors are all away from litigation, not toward it. He compromises and works for peace. Revenge is out of his orbit. "Getting even" is not for him, and cheap and transient legal victories have for him no lure. He is on the side of creation and production, not death and dissolution.

### Winchester Social News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., October 1.—Mrs. Loring A. Cover returned to her home in Baltimore on Thursday for the winter, after spending some time with friends in Winchester. Mrs. Robert Thompson and two children have returned to their home in Martinsburg, W. Va., after visiting at the home of Luther Hodgson, in Winchester.



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